

FRENZIED BY  
RELIGION AND  
SUPERSTITIONNegroes of Mountville, S. C.,  
Are in a State of Religious  
Hysteria Just Now.

## BELIEVE THEY'VE BURIED SATAN

Thousands of Blacks, Regardless of  
Food or Physical Energy, Are Gath-  
ered at Place of Glorification.

## CHURCH BELL IS THE INSPIRATION

Big Platform Is Arranged Where the  
Faithful Who Fall Helpless May  
Lie Down and Rest—Con-  
gregation Increases Daily  
in Numbers and  
Enthusiasm.Mountville, S. C., August 23.—(Special).—  
The white people here are witnessing  
deeds amazing and exciting that are per-  
formed by frantic negroes, religion crazed.Two weeks ago a church bell was re-  
ceived here for the colored church which  
sits in the southeastern portion of this  
city and since that time ten minutes  
have passed when the sound of this bell  
was not heard. Then the crisis came.As soon as it was mounted in the steeple  
it was rung for six consecutive hours,  
after which the tolling apparatus was for  
six hours used.The ringing, they claim, was to an-  
nounce the time of gathering to witness  
the final burial of the devil, whose death  
was announced by the tolling. The min-  
isters claim that they have attended the  
court of heaven, where God, the judge,  
after the devil had been convicted by a  
jury of twelve representative angels from  
around the universe, passed sentence on  
him, turning him over to the colored peo-  
ple of Mountville vicinity to bury once  
and forever.When this claim was announced abroad  
an invitation sweeping everywhere was  
sent urging all colored persons to come to  
witness the destruction of satan. Forth-  
with they began to assemble and since two  
weeks ago they have come to a point.There Seems to Be a Spirit.  
The first to come have not yet left here.There seems to be a spirit working from  
home to home, causing every one to come.  
The news is scattered more and more  
each moment and still they come. No  
signs of food they bring, nor drink, nor  
does it seem they do aught but shout.Every passenger train that passes carries  
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there; the bell now rings and now tolls.Now and then hands on a passing train.  
by some spirit moved, desert their post and  
lock themselves in this heaven going  
thrang.

## They Look to the East.

A platform is built in front of the church  
three feet high and twenty feet square, on  
which negroes are laid to recover strength  
and senses after they have lost them in  
their shouting. This platform is unceasing-  
ly filled. Occasionally the congregation  
looks toward the east in concert and says:  
"Lo! See stars and moons and suns rolled  
back from our aerial path and hear the  
mighty song of welcome echoing from un-  
iverse to universe."When the sun is rising they pat their  
feet, keeping time to the music made by  
angels' bows as they glide across the gray  
lines that fret the morning skies.Thunder roll and lightnings leap, but  
this excited throng does not seem to hear  
them.A bicycle rider of their color, whose  
faith is strong, attempted to wheel it up  
to heaven by inclining a twenty-foot plank  
upward and by rapid speed ascending it  
to run off its upper end and fall a cripple.  
Once or twice they said something about  
Toccos and the millennium—all in con-  
cert.Wants Raiments of White.  
There is a great craze among these en-  
thusiastic people for raiments of white and if  
one happens to arrive with a dark suit on,  
so much is at once removed as shows up a  
white costume.The white people in this place are uneasy  
as to what will result from these proceed-  
ings.It would be useless to attempt to disperse  
such a congregation, for it is increasing  
daily by 600 to 800 and as soon as a negro  
arrives he falls into their ways, insensible  
to all earthly surroundings.

## BLOODY RACE WAR THREATENED

Negro Woman Claiming To Be the  
Messiah Causes Trouble.Montgomery, Ala., August 23.—A special  
to The Advertiser from Gadsden, Ala.,  
says:"A race war is imminent in Etowah  
county. A negro woman has been preach-  
ing on Sand mountain to negroes and ig-  
norant whites, claiming she is the Messiah  
and can do all things. They had a big foot  
washing Sunday and negroes and whites  
intermingled freely, embracing each other  
with the 'holy kiss.'""This morning the negro woman met  
one of the best citizens of the town and  
cured him terribly. He finally convinced  
her within an inch of her life.""Her followers swear they will exter-  
minate the better element of the white peo-  
ple and a clash may come at any time.  
She has laid several plots to bushwack  
those who have persuaded her to desist."

## NEGRO KILLS A NEGRO LAWYER.

Politician Boyd Shot Through the Body  
by George Dabney.Clarksville, Ga., August 23.—(Special).—  
G. Q. Boyd, a negro lawyer and politician,  
was shot and almost instantly killed by  
George Dabney, another negro, this after-  
noon.Dabney was in an upstairs office. When  
Boyd entered Dabney fired both barrels of  
a gun at him, one charge passing through  
his body under the heart. Boyd staggered  
down the steps and fell on the paved  
road. Boyd was a very intelligent  
negro and had considerable influence with  
his race.He was the republican nominee for con-  
gress in this district last year, but with-  
drew in favor of a sound money democrat.

## BLUE-GUMMED NEGRO'S BITE.

Physicians Are Having a Hard Time  
To Save a Life.Montgomery, Ala., August 23.—(Special).—  
A few days ago a negro in Green county,  
this state, was bitten by another negro who  
brought blue gum, and it is taking the best  
efforts of a skilled physician to save his  
life.There seems to be a spirit working from  
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NO MOB KILLED  
ANDREW GREENJohn George Avenge the Wounding of  
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## ONE NEGRO KILLS ANOTHER

No White Man Laid a Hand Upon the  
Slayer of Heath.The Outlaw Would Not Surrender  
Tragedy Near Lovett Sunday Has Been  
Given an Official Investigation.  
The Result.Tennille, Ga., August 23.—(Special).—The  
bloody tragedy of yesterday at Lovett, a  
station on the Wrightsville and Tennille  
railroad, twenty-five miles from here, was  
officially investigated today.The killing of George Heath and the  
wounding of the negro woman by John George  
Green were as reported to The Constitution,  
and not by a mob.In fact, there was no mob at the scene  
when Green was killed. A crowd of good  
citizens went from Lovett to apprehend  
Green in order to turn him over to the  
authorities. He would not peacefully give  
himself up, but ran to a branch below the  
mill pond and was shot and killed by  
George, the negro man whose wife he had  
almost murdered.No white man touched him. He was shot  
three times, once with a pistol and twice  
with a shotgun, both in the hands of John  
George.A warrant has been sworn out for  
George. Public sentiment is with him and  
he will hardly suffer for what he did.

## WHITE MAN ALMOST LYNCHED

Old, One-Legged Confederate Veteran  
Kills a Negro Accidentally.Officers Had To Rescue Him  
Hinson Was Shooting at a Target  
When Sam Jefferson Chanced  
To Walk By.Savannah, Ga., August 23.—(Special).—A  
white man narrowly escaped being lynched  
by negroes just outside the city limits this  
evening.W. H. Hinson, an old, one-legged confeder-  
ate veteran and somewhat decrepit, got  
out his pistol this afternoon to try it,  
fearing that the rain, which had been leak-  
ing through his roof, had interfered with its  
firing qualities. He was shooting at a  
board in his back yard, at a distance of  
fifty feet, when a negro named Sam Jeff-  
erson, who was passing, chanced to walk  
by.At least that is the story according to  
Hinson and his wife, who got the pistol  
out for him and fired at the target. Just  
as Jefferson was passing Hinson fired. In-  
stead of hitting the board the ball went  
clean through Jefferson's neck, killing him  
almost instantly.News of the killing spread through the  
little settlement, composed mostly of ne-  
groes, like wildfire, and quickly a crowd  
of negro men collected about Hinson. They  
jumped on him with sticks, beating him,  
some crying, "Kill him!" and they were  
about to lynch the old man when officers  
arrived on the scene and arrested the lead-  
ers.Hinson was also arrested and is now in  
the barracks awaiting an investigation of  
the case by the coroner. The homicide ap-  
pears to have occurred accidentally and the  
coroner's jury will probably release the  
aged veteran.Desperate Negro Refuses to Surrender  
and His House Is Fired.Little Rock, Ark., August 23.—A special  
to The Gazette from Baxter, Ark., says:  
Ed Williams, colored, was killed and  
burned up in his home, three miles north  
of this place, about 3 o'clock yesterday  
morning. About a month ago Williams as-  
saulted a colored woman and then sent  
word to the deputy sheriff residing here  
that he would kill him if he undertook to  
arrest him. Why an effort was not made  
sooner to arrest him is not stated, but Sat-  
urday Deputy Sheriff Will Hamrick ar-  
rived from Monticello and began making  
preparations for the arrest. About 9  
o'clock last night a start was made and  
about 1 o'clock Sunday morning the house  
was surrounded by the posse.After exhausting every means of persua-  
sion and promise of protection and having  
made a futile attempt to break down the  
door the house was set on fire.Williams was seen, winchested in hand,  
and as he raised it to take aim, one of the  
squad fired before Williams got his gun in  
position.HOLLEYS BREAK UP A PICNIC.  
Band of West Virginia Outlaws Use  
Knives and Revolvers.Gallipolis, O., August 23.—Without provo-  
cation, a gang of West Virginia despera-  
des swooped down on a picnic party at  
Glenwood, eighteen miles below here, last  
night and broke up the party by their or-  
ders.Revolvers, knives, singletrees and clubs  
were used. Women fainted and others  
fled to the hills.Low Holley was killed outright and Wil-  
liam Porter and Van Lintfield, two mem-  
bers of the picnic party, were fatally stab-  
bed. About Porter's head a skull fracture  
and half his face cut off. John Wallace had  
a part of his hand cut off, an eye gouged  
out and an ear removed.The ruffians were members of the Hol-  
ley band of outlaws and they have killed  
at least a dozen men.Lusk Receiver for an Asheville Bank.  
Washington, August 23.—The comptroller  
of the currency has appointed Virgil S.  
Lusk receiver of the First National bank  
of Asheville, N. C.Weaver Stabs Vanhook to Death.  
Chattanooga, Tenn., August 23.—(Special).  
Tom Vanhook was stabbed to death near  
Mineral Bluff, Franklin county, last night  
by Cour-bus Weaver.

## HE SWOONED AT THE SIGHT.

Schreiber Saw Long Killed and May  
Die Himself.Chattanooga, Tenn., August 23.—John T.  
Long, a workman in the Cincinnati South-  
ern railroad shops, while jacking up a car  
this morning, was instantly killed by the  
handle of a jack striking him in the head.Master Mechanic P. H. Schreiber, who  
was standing a few feet away and wit-  
nessed the accident, fell over in a fainting  
fit, from which he could not be aroused.Mr. Schreiber has been troubled with  
heart disease for some time and his phy-  
sicians say he cannot survive the shock.

## BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS THREE

Two Negroes and One White Man Meet  
Violent Death.Peoria, Ill., August 23.—Three men were  
instantly killed and eight injured by the  
explosion of a boiler at the brickyard of  
W. R. Halliday shortly after 7 a. m. The  
dead are:RUBLEY BRADLEY, engineer.  
GIDEON RICKS, colored.  
HENRY SCHILLER.All those killed and injured were negroes  
except Schiller. None of the injured will  
die. The cause of the explosion is un-  
known.TON OF SALT FALLS ON THEM.  
One Man Killed and Another Seriously  
Hurled Lying on a Boat.Chicago, August 23.—A huge derrick  
spoon, weighing 4,000 pounds and contain-  
ing half a ton of salt, fell to the deck of  
the steamer Fitzgerald, which was load-  
ing at the Illinois Central pier No. 1, to-  
day.Andrew Kruber, a laborer, was stoop-  
ing over the hatchway just as the spoon  
parted. His head was caught on the edge  
of the hatchway and mashed to a pulp.John Cook, also a laborer, had his left  
leg nearly severed from his body.YOUNG MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.  
Eldridge Casper Kills Himself Because  
Sweetheart Died.Winder, Ga., August 23.—(Special).—EM-  
bridge Casper, of Jackson county, near  
Statham, while visiting his aunt, Mrs.  
Jordan, wife of Major Jordan, three miles  
north of Winder, committed suicide today  
by shooting himself through the head.No cause for the suicide is known, but  
it is supposed that the death of his sweet-  
heart a few days ago unbalanced his mind.  
Since her death he has been drinking  
heavily. He was a son of Burton Casper,  
and was prominently connected. Dr. Geo.  
E. Daniel was summoned, but before he  
arrived the young man was dead from a  
wound made by a thirty-eight-caliber pis-  
tol ball in the temple, the bullet lodging  
in the brain. The funeral will occur to-  
morrow at Statham at 3 o'clock p. m.

## KENTUCKIANS FIGHT TO DEATH.

Democrat and Republican Fill Each  
Other with Lead.Middlesboro, Ky., August 23.—It is re-  
ported that George H. Steel, ex-sheriff, and  
Sam Young, ex-deputy sheriff of Leslie  
county, were both killed in a combat at  
Hixson yesterday.Both men fought to desperation and  
both men fell in the fifth round. Young  
had three bullets through him and lived  
two hours. Both were prominent.Steel was a democratic leader and Young  
a republican leader and they quarreled over  
politics.

## MURDERER RICH IS STILL ALIVE

Man Who Killed His Wife and Her  
Brother Will Die.Nashville, Tenn., August 23.—(Special).—  
Robert B. Rich, who last night murdered  
his wife and brother-in-law and then tried  
to kill himself, is still alive and conscious,  
but his wounds are considered fatal.Attorneys for the murdered woman to-  
day filed her husband's cross bill, which  
had been sworn to Saturday, to Rich's  
bill for divorce. She charges that Rich  
was drunken, unfaithful and vicious and  
insanely jealous.She denials in detail all the charges that  
he made against her moral character.

## FOR KILLING A NEGRO WOMAN.

White Man Now on Trial in Mont-  
gomery Charged with Murder.Montgomery, Ala., August 23.—(Special).  
The trial of Douglas White, charged with  
the murder of Mary Davis, a negro woman,  
in this city some years ago, who has been  
in progress here since Saturday and  
went to the jury at 5 o'clock this after-  
noon.At 11 o'clock tonight the jury was still  
considering the case.

## BARBER ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Walker Superior Court Will Give Five  
Days to a Case.LaFayette, Ga., August 23.—(Special).—The  
case of L. J. Barber, charged with the  
murder of a negro woman, is now on trial  
in Walker superior court.A large array of witnesses is subpoenaed  
on both sides, and there is also a strong  
array of counsel for both the state and the  
defense.The outlook is that it will take about  
four days to try the case.BRITON WEDS A  
DOWERLESS BRIDEEdward Fellowes, Nephew of the English  
Admiral, Marries Miss Tucker.

## HER FAMILY OPPOSED HIM

By Refusing To Obey Her Relatives  
She Loses Her Wealth.SHE IS A SISTER-IN-LAW OF J. H. WINGER  
Mr. and Mrs. Fellowes Will Make  
Their Future Home in Albany,  
Ga., It Is Said.Raleigh, N. C., August 23.—(Special).—  
The most sensational affair in the history  
of North Carolina society occurred today  
when Miss Bessie Boylan Tucker, the  
wealthiest young woman in Raleigh, left  
her home and forfeited all claims upon her  
share of her late father's estate, by marry-  
ing Mr. Edward Fellowes, a young English-  
man, who has lived here for the past three  
years and who has stood first as a leader  
of society in the capital city.He is a son of Colonel Fellowes, of the  
English royal engineers and a nephew of  
Admiral Fellowes, of the English navy.The first news of the marriage, except to  
the closest friends of the young people,  
was made public today by Mr. W. R. Tuck-  
er, brother of the bride.Mr. Tucker ranks high among the bank-  
ers and financiers of this city, and is a  
large stockholder in the Atlantic and North  
Carolina Seaboard Air-Line and other rail-  
roads. For more than a year the atten-  
tions Miss Tucker has received from Mr.  
Fellowes have been the subject of marked  
comment, and the slighted offers of the young  
Englishman by other members of the Tuck-  
er family have caused much criticism in  
social circles.Nearly a year ago Mr. Fellowes was de-  
nied the privilege of calling at the Tucker  
mansion. The fact that Mr. Fellowes had  
been prohibited from the Tucker home,  
that other members of the family had  
made life unbearable for the young lady,  
that she had spent the days and nights  
since Friday with her sister, Mrs. James  
Boylan, and that Miss Tucker had wired  
Mr. Fellowes in New York, immediately  
upon his return from Europe that day,  
gave gossip something to whisper about,  
and when it became known that the Tuck-  
er family had made themselves conspicuous  
by their absence at the ceremony, society  
divided, with the family sympathizers in  
the minority.It is said Mrs. Tucker gave her consent  
to the marriage, with the understanding  
that Miss Tucker is never again to find  
the doors of the Tucker home open to her.Immediately after the ceremony the  
bride and groom left via the Seaboard Air-  
Line. Mr. Fellowes has been connected  
with the cotton buyers, Charles E. John-  
son and F. H. Lee, here for three years.  
He will go to Albany, Ga., to represent a  
big Liverpool company. He is the head of  
their American buyers.Miss Tucker is a daughter of the late R.  
S. Tucker, of the famous firm of W. H. &  
R. S. Tucker, and is a sister-in-law of John  
H. Winder, former general manager of the  
Seaboard Air-Line.G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT OPENED.  
Commander-in-Chief Clarkson Is Given  
A Royal Reception.Buffalo, N. Y., August 23.—The Grand  
Army of the Republic opened its annual  
meeting with fair weather. All indica-  
tions point to a successful encampment  
beyond the expectations of the most op-  
timistic citizens.Thousands of veterans are constantly ar-  
riving, and a person might think there was  
a great parade in progress as the posts  
march up Main street to their quarters.  
This morning the women's headquarters  
were opened formally, and during the week  
a further effort will be made to receive the  
veterans' relief corps and the ladies of the  
Grand Army of the Republic.Thaddeus G. Clarkson, commander in  
chief of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
arrived. He was met at the station and  
escorted to the hotel, where he was official-  
ly received by Colonel Winans, chief of the  
headquarters staff.Camp Jewett, the picturesque tent city,  
erected for the accommodation of veterans,  
was officially opened by the Commander in  
Chief Clarkson this afternoon. The com-  
mander in chief was escorted from his  
headquarters, headed by the Richmond  
band of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
to the Fairview Hotel, where he was accom-  
panied by the Richmond band of the Grand  
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## ALL ALABAMA MINERS AT WORK.

Strike at the Belle Ellen Has Been  
Satisfactorily Adjusted.Birmingham, Ala., August 23.—(Special).  
The strike at the Belle Ellen mines in  
Bibb county, where five hundred miners  
are employed, has been settled and the  
shipping of coal from that place has been  
resumed.The miners went out on a strike three  
weeks ago on account of the pay of the  
camp physician. The differences were  
settled by the company allowing the min-  
ers to pay the doctor for every visit.  
Leaders in the strike were dropped from  
the pay rolls.The settlement of this trouble is the  
end of all differences in the state between  
coal miners and operators. The South-  
ern and other railroads are asking for all  
surplus coal and are supplying the east  
and west, which are needing coal on ac-  
count of the big strike north.

## ORGANIZED LABOR WILL MEET.

Shooting Affair Made Occasion for a  
General Meeting.Pittsburg, August 23.—The shooting affair  
among the Italian miners of the New York  
and Cleveland Gas Coal Company was  
made occasion of a call for a general meet-  
ing of organized labor tomorrow evening  
at Knights of Labor hall.President Patrick Dolan, of the miners'  
organization, had a narrow escape from  
death at 9 a. m. and John McLuckie, the  
camp commissary, was badly hurt by be-  
ing struck by a train.The two men were hurrying along the  
Pan Handle track toward Sturgeon sta-  
tion. They did not notice the train they  
were to take was on the track, and it came  
up behind them. McLuckie was struck on  
the right side and fell. He was stunned  
and Dolan was shoved aside. He called to  
McLuckie to lie still for if he had moved  
a couple of inches he would have been  
crushed.The eighteen strikers who were arrested  
at Camp Injunction at the Bunola mines  
disorderly conduct and sentenced to jail  
for days, were released this morning. All  
returned to the camp.MILLS RESUME OPERATION.  
Many in New England Start Up After  
Idleness—Outlook Bright.Boston, August 23.—Dispatches from dif-  
ferent New England manufacturing cen-  
ters today announce that many cotton  
mills which have been idle resumed opera-







# ITCHES OF AND COMMENT

Crums of comfort  
for Mayor Bivens, of  
Hicks, who illumin-  
ment among the citi-  
ment the county sit-  
arks.

session of Butts su-  
ant was convicted of  
was fined by the  
showed that this drink-  
lucer beer, but not  
beverage is being  
tion counties.

Call has to do good  
Henry T. Dunn will  
collector of customs  
will be his deputy. It  
ending Georgia repre-  
Dunn will be named  
he will make Belcher

and of burglars oper-  
in and around Leg-  
yet they have con-  
to negro houses, two  
houses were entered  
men each, and another  
her house burglarized  
some furniture having

of Harrisburg, Ga.,  
and their cattle for \$10,000,  
who had paid \$20,000  
of only get 20 cents  
were driven to Chat-  
from there. The In-  
shipper. The In-  
ness that is caused by  
little. On this account  
at once for beef.

by Herald: The report  
Byrd on the condition  
of Georgia reveals  
it is nothing less than  
civilized country. The  
turning convicts out  
of counties, is radical  
and this report  
in worse in the  
and, and this is one  
that the legislature will  
its next session.

ing negroes in the state  
dia. Hay is one of the  
escaped from jail near  
recaptured at Rich-  
He has served out  
centenary and peni-  
land is a case-hardened  
twice plotted to take  
or at least dis-  
his escape, once last  
of a pair of shears  
with a two-pound lock  
been upon Folsom  
into the jail, in a  
and villainous language.

ident: We have heard  
from Omaha that he  
some miscreant, or  
of them, broke all the  
went into the school-  
nations church. His  
building being his  
broke the chandelier and  
their origin. While it  
case for Judge Lynch  
code upon, yet if he  
could be caught they  
dealt with under the

After Eaves and Mar-  
time ago, it was  
that it is possible to  
in the inside-the-door  
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three tried, but fail-  
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checked the door, there-  
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dred anyone to unlock

Mr. William B. D.  
old county about six-  
in the Davis old home-  
s originally Paulides  
life in this county,  
after a long period of  
competency. His  
of the best farms in  
was regarded as one  
person and superior  
carried three times, his  
Miss Watts, his second  
and his surviving part-  
children. Nine children  
and Mrs. Davis by these  
men have married.

Deputy Lee Nichol-  
Quincy Thursday night  
negro wedding to ar-  
murder. Joyce Mas-  
p, was firing his pistol  
Mr. Nicholson approach-  
well shot him in the  
word. The ball was  
not being fatal, and  
down to Fowlton, and  
oped that he may soon  
be bars. Mr. H. L.  
of the wounded man.

and: Mr. F. M. Sargent  
Saturday and present-  
the largest cantaloupe  
s of the names variety  
two and a half pounds  
one inches around. It  
ny, who pronounced it  
ape they had ever seen  
Mr. Shuffitt is a tenant  
place just west of Cedar  
in shows the wonderful  
well for producing any  
in any country. He is  
and has marked this  
largest and best melons  
own. This prize gain-  
the press has been  
the whole force for his

MEATS ATLANTA  
to Tybee Winde  
ame of Ball.  
August 22 (Special).—As  
of the Travelers' Pro-  
and Tybee a picked  
man played with a  
ball park this after-  
mon winning by a

## "\$5,000? NIT" SAYS

WILLIAM PLEDGER

Colored Politician Declares That He Has  
Turned Down an Offer.

HE IS STILL WAITING FOR PIE  
Says a Good Place Is in Store for  
Him.

HE DENIES THE MARBLE HEART DEAL

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## BIG SHAKE-UP AT

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Officers of the Different Companies  
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NO LOCAL CAUSE IS GIVEN

THE TROOPS TO RETURN FROM WACO

The Change Will Take Place When  
These Get Back—What Is Going  
on at the Post.

There has been a decided shake-up among  
the officers at Fort McPherson. It was  
thought for a time that there was some  
reason for the action taken at the head-  
quarters of the army, which did not appear  
on the surface of things.

The shake-up was in the nature of a  
transfer from one company to another for  
six of the lieutenants, and there was some  
concern at the post when the news  
was received. The order was issued on  
August 18th, but it did not arrive at the  
post until a day or two ago. When it did  
come the changes were found to be sweep-  
ing ones, and in the future the officers will  
command a different set of men.

The transfers which were made are as  
follows:

First Lieutenant Samuel W. Miller from  
Company C to Company K; First Lieuten-  
ant Joseph M. T. Partello from Company  
I to Company G; First Lieutenant Wil-  
liam F. Martin from Company G to Com-  
pany I; First Lieutenant Stephen M. Har-  
kney from Company K to Company C; Sec-  
ond Lieutenant Edward Siergosa from  
Company I to Company C; Second Lieuten-  
ant Samuel V. Ham from Company C  
to Company I.

These changes cannot go into effect at  
once on account of the fact that the Sec-  
ond battalion, consisting of four companies,  
is encamped near Waco, Ga., and as soon  
as they return the First battalion will  
proceed to camp, making it necessary to  
defer the changes until the return of the  
latter.

When the order giving notice of the trans-  
fers was received at the post and when the  
news of it reached the city, it was thought  
by many that it was caused by some dis-  
turbance in the relations between the com-  
panies, when the changes were made. The  
officers say that it is almost im-  
possible to tell why the change was made,  
but they all have their opinion about the  
matter, almost.

It seems that the Fifth regiment of in-  
fantry originally consisted of ten compa-  
nies, each being composed of fifty enlisted  
men. Soon after the regiment came to  
this city an order was received reducing  
the number of companies to eight and plac-  
ing sixty-two enlisted men in each.

This left six officers without commands  
and they are still at the post. It has been  
the custom from time to time to change  
them from one company to another, some-  
times giving commands to those officers  
who were without them, and again taking  
places away from officers who were  
with companies. This was done in order  
to keep the officers well drilled in the tact-  
ics.

It is evidently the reason why the  
transfers were made last night. There  
has been no rupture of even the slightest  
nature between any of the officers. The  
regiment is in splendid condition and the  
men are anxiously awaiting the return of  
the Second battalion from Waco so they  
can practice on the range for the four  
weeks allotted to them for that purpose.

Will Return August 28th.

No word has been received at the post in  
some time from the soldiers encamped at  
Waco. It is supposed, however, that they  
are doing well for the moment. The im-  
portance of the matter is more than likely  
that news of it would have been received  
stating the particulars.

When the First battalion returns the Sec-  
ond will start for the scene of their en-  
campment and will spend four weeks prac-  
ticing. The Second battalion is expected home  
about 28th, that being the day set apart for  
their return, and there is no reason why it  
should not be here.

The four companies which are now at  
the post will leave August 28th, and will  
return about October 1st. The averages  
for each company and for each man will  
then be made out and there is some specu-  
lating at the barracks as to who will come  
home with the best record.

CAMP TO PREPARE PLANS.

Specifications To Be Placed Before the  
City Council.

Councilman Campbell will soon have the  
plans for the Alabama street extension  
drawn and ready to present to the city  
council. They will be drawn by City En-  
gineer Clayton and he will probably start  
to work on them today.

Mr. Campbell will have a conference with  
President Comer, of the Central railroad,  
before he presents the plans to the city  
council and will have all the specifica-  
tions and estimates made for the work.  
He expects to show that it is essential  
that the extension should be put up and  
will prepare statistics proving this con-  
clusively.

## WHAT SHALL WE DO

WITH OUR CONVICTS?

A Question Which Grows More and  
More Pressing.

PROPOSITION TO EXILE THEM

Sapelo Island Described as a Suitable  
Place for the Purpose.

HON. JOSEPH MANSFIELD'S ORIGINAL PLAN

Darien Ga., August 23.—(Special).—What  
shall we do with our convicts?

This is a question which dwarfs all others  
of state character just now, involving not  
only the physical one of detention and  
punishment, but the moral one of humanity  
and reformation.

The conscience of the people of Georgia  
has been so shocked by the report of Colo-  
nel Phil G. Byrd in regard to the misde-  
meanor convicts that they hardly listen  
to any scheme looking toward the  
future.

The Georgia Coast Island, which Hon. Jos.  
Mansfield wants the State to buy for  
a Penal Colony.

Further leasing of any class of convicts.  
In that report was heard again the clarion  
voice of the lamented Bob Alston, whose  
attack upon the atrocities of the lease  
system led the way to his tragic end. It  
also emphasized the report of Senator Bar-  
ford, when chairman of the penitentiary  
committee, in which he laid bare the sexual  
immorality of the penal camps.

To say that the lease system is  
doomed is only to assert the human-  
ity of Georgians, but what  
to replace it with is the problem now before  
the people.

Hon. Joseph Mansfield Has a Plan.

Mr. Mansfield is well known as the mem-  
ber of the house of representatives from  
McIntosh county, and he has given special  
consideration to the convict question.  
He will propose to the next legislature that  
the state purchase Sapelo island and use  
it for convict purposes. Captain Mansfield  
says that on an island prisoners can be  
much more easily cared for than on the  
mainland; and that if the state will buy  
Sapelo island the convicts can be made self-  
supporting.

In conversing upon the matter, Captain  
Mansfield says:

"Sapelo is naturally one of the richest  
spots on the face of the earth, and there  
was no land in the south which grew such  
magnificent cotton as was grown on this  
island before the war. That was when  
cotton was cultivated by slave labor; but  
since the war the growing of cotton as  
an industry has greatly lessened on the  
islands of the coasts on account of the  
trouble with labor. With convict labor  
old-time conditions can be re-established  
in the growing of sea island cotton. This  
will interfere with nobody, and it will not  
come in competition with free labor, be-  
cause there is so little sea island cotton  
grown that, even if the Georgia crop were  
increased ten times, it would not interfere  
with the price of the staple. It is well  
known that most of the convicts are ne-  
groes; and instead of injuring them, con-  
finement on one of the coast islands would  
be perfectly healthy for negroes or whites;  
and, in the next place, it is a well-known  
fact that the negro specially thrives in  
subtropical conditions as surround Sapelo.  
I am informed that many of the ne-  
groes who are confined in the coal camps  
of north Georgia die of consumption, which  
is the worst enemy of negro convicts.

There would be no trouble of his kind at  
Sapelo. Not only that, but the convicts  
could live under conditions for which they  
are best suited by being kept in the open  
air while engaged in what would be not  
only a self-supporting industry, but also  
a source of actual profit to the state."

Mr. Mansfield will have the support of  
prominent representatives from the sec-  
tion of the state in the effort to make a  
penal colony of Sapelo island. He is en-  
thusiastic for the proposition, and says

the state could not do better than to solve  
the convict question on such a basis.

Something About the Island.

Sapelo island is one of the largest islands  
on the coast of Georgia. It is upward of  
twelve miles long, by three and one-half  
miles wide. It is without doubt the best  
drained and (with the exception of Cum-  
berland) the highest island on the Georgia  
coast. Its reputation for health is unsur-  
passed, the climate being delightful both  
winter and summer. The lands on the  
island have always ranked very high; they  
are thoroughly situated for cultivation of  
almost any crop which can be grown in  
this latitude. Previous to the war it was  
the largest and finest sea island cotton  
plantation in Georgia.

Truck of all kinds does well, also all kinds  
of small grain and grasses. The natural  
pasturage of the island is unsurpassed; in  
fact, these pasture lands are finer than  
any lands this side of Kentucky or Texas.  
In all seasons of the year these pastures  
continue in fine condition. Horses, cattle  
and all kinds of stock do well. Wells and  
springs on the island are especially fine.  
Artesian wells can be driven on this island  
at almost nominal cost.



## NO CHANGE IN FULTON'S SYSTEM

Tax Collector Will Continue To Make Weekly Settlements.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DECIDES  
He Says the Law of 1891 on Subject Stands Effective.

LAST YEAR'S LAW DID NOT REPEAL OTHER

He Decides That the Special Law Requiring Weekly Reports Is of Force in Certain Counties.

Attorney General Joseph M. Terrell has decided that the law requiring weekly reports and settlements by tax collectors in counties of 20,000 population and upward is still effective and of force.

The attorney general decides that the law passed by the general assembly last year relating to reports and settlements by tax collectors did not repeal the weekly report law, and was simply cumulative legislation which in no way conflicts with the law relating to those counties of 20,000 population.

The decision of the attorney general was reached yesterday and Mr. Terrell sent a copy of it to Captain William A. Wright, comptroller general, for his information. The decision was made on the law passed last year which required the weekly reports and settlements by tax collectors in counties of 20,000 population and upward.

Under the decision there will be no change in the system of reports and settlements by the tax collector of Fulton county. The collector will still be guided by the law of 1891 which requires all collectors to make weekly reports and settlements on Saturdays, and to make reports oftener when the amount collected in a less time reaches as much as \$5,000.

Did Not Repeal Special Law.

The law requiring these frequent reports was passed by the general assembly in 1891. It was a special law affecting only the few Georgia counties having a population of more than 20,000. It was for the purpose of reducing the bonds of tax collectors, and putting a safeguard around the state and county funds. The law passed last year in its effect except that under the decision of Mr. Terrell it will not interfere with the law of 1891. The law of last year repeals conflicting laws, but Mr. Terrell says the law of 1891 in no way conflicts with the law of last year, which leaves the weekly report law still in force.

Under the decision of the attorney general, the bond of \$75,000 required of the Fulton county tax collector will be in force, and the law back to the year 1891 will be the system of work of the collector by reason of the passage of the law of last year. Mr. Terrell reviews the case fully in his letter to Mr. Wright, and in summarizing up the material points of his decision he says:

Gist of the Decision.

"It holds that the act of 1896 is cumulative legislation upon the subject of tax collectors, and that it was intended to repeal the act of 1891, and not to repeal it."

"Also that both acts may stand, and inasmuch as the act of 1896 is cumulative, the act of 1891 will remain in force."

"Tax collectors in counties of 20,000 or more are required to comply with the provisions of both acts."

EXODUS OF COLLEGE MEN

Atlanta Students Preparing To Get Off For the Fall.

MANY CHANGES IN THE TECH

Captain Lyman Hall Predicts a Large Attendance for the Coming Year.

What Has Been Done.

The touch of autumn weather and the near approach of September is making the many boys and girls of Atlanta who contemplate spending the winter at some college long to get off to the scene of action.

There will be a large delegation from Atlanta to go to all the colleges over the south and the younger society set will begin to very profusely increase.

Georgia universities will receive the greater number of them, although many will go to Tennessee, some to the Carolinas and Virginia and a few to the north.

The technological school will gather in the greatest number and the attendance will be large from here. Other parts of the state and states bordering on Georgia will send many students and the prospects are very bright for a large opening.

Professor Lyman Hall has been active during the past summer to build up a large patronage and the indications are that his work will be the result of greatly increasing the attendance over last year. He has received inquiries from many places and they have been favorable.

Some new equipments have been placed in the shop and the instruction will be better able to demonstrate the practical work to the students than ever. The academic building has been improved in many respects and the laboratories enlarged to accommodate the extra attendance without crowding. The dormitories will be filled and they are trying a popular place for the boys to live.

The University of Georgia comes next with the attendance from Atlanta and a lot more from the rest of the state. A good colony will be established there, made up of the city's youths. None are so large as the attendance at the university on all occasions as the Atlanta boys and they are generally foremost in everything connected with the institution.

Many of the students will go back and forth to college and back to the city. A large number will stay in the city and take up the study of law. Many freshmen graduates of this high school, who go over and attend college, will be in the city and will be in the height of his glory in a few weeks.

Every will receive her share from Atlanta and a substantial delegation will be made up by her reputation there. Many will go to college from here and it is expected that the attendance from Atlanta will be larger than usual.

Association Elects Officers.

Immediately after the conference of the contestants yesterday afternoon a convention of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association was held.

This convention was for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. It lasted for quite a while and many matters pertaining to the association were discussed by those present.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

President, John R. Straton, Mercer; Vice President, J. T. Lilly, Emory; Second Vice President, John Bellman, Technological; Secretary, J. S. Price, Dabney; Treasurer, C. A. Weddington, Athens.

BOUND OVER FOR BURGLING.

Justice Fouts Sends Frank Carter to Jail for Theft.

Judge Fouts yesterday disposed of much criminal business, but the criminal docket was very light. He bound over Fletcher Williams for larceny after arrest and on default of a \$100 bond he was sent to jail to await a hearing in the city criminal court.

Frank Carter, a negro, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over under a \$200 bond to the superior court. He burgled a house at 234 Piedmont avenue. He failed to give the bond and was carried off to the jail.

Mr. Hill Returns from Columbus.

Macon, Ga., August 23 (Special).—Hon. Walter B. Hill returned this morning from Columbus where he has been taking part in the prohibition campaign now on in that city.

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## MEET IN THE FORUM TO SPEAK FOR PRIZE

An Interesting Oratorical Contest Comes Off Tonight.

SENATOR BACON TO PRESIDE  
Will Be in the Chair While the Men Speak.

CLAY, HAWTHORNE AND SMITH ARE JUDGES

All Arrangements Have Been Made and the Affair Will Be Notable in Every Respect.

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## TODAY WILL TELL THE FATE OF PERRY

Governor Atkinson To Render His Decision Today.

THE FINAL DECREE TO COME  
No Intimation as to How the Decision Will Be.

AFFIDAVITS BY THE HUNDRED ARE IN

Executive Office Besieged by Applications and Those Interested in the Outcome of the Case.

Today H. S. Perry will know his fate. All of the affidavits in the case are in the hands of the governor and the appeal for executive clemency has been made.

There will be no appeal from the decision that will be rendered today. It is final. If the verdict of the court is sustained, the murder of Bezy Lanier will hang; if executive clemency is granted, then he goes to the penitentiary.

Governor Atkinson leaves tonight for Virginia.

"I want to make the decision in the Perry case before I leave," said Governor Atkinson. "I have received the affidavits that if they want to put in any more evidence they will have to do so today."

This the attorneys did. The telegram that was sent to the governor yesterday just a few minutes after the crime was committed was handed the governor today. This telegram was sent from the Decatur jail while Lanier was there. It was addressed to W. D. Crosby, Auburn, Ga. "I have killed Bezy Lanier. In Decatur jail. Was protecting your child."

This was the last affidavit that was presented to Governor Atkinson yesterday.

The prosecution has filed a number of affidavits with the governor that attack the character of Mrs. Perry. These have been carefully considered. While the prosecution has been working in this line, the defense is getting up evidence against Lanier.

The sensational evidence that was presented in the affidavits of the prosecution, at the solicitation of the father of Lanier, stated that Mrs. Perry had gone out to the electric cars after night unaccompanied. Her abusive language used toward several reporters who called on her the day of the killing was also introduced.

The testimony of Mr. Neal, who was a boarder at the house of Mrs. Perry, was also introduced. He stated that he had seen Mrs. Perry in the street at night unaccompanied. He had made an affidavit before the governor of a conversation that he had with Perry, in which the latter stated to him, with tears in his eyes, that Lanier had ruined his wife, and that he was informed that Perry immediately sent telegrams to his father-in-law to this effect:

"Mr. Neal also stated that he was on the front porch of the house at the time that the alleged deed occurred. He swears that Lanier came into the house and complained of a toothache. The judges are in the room; that Mrs. Perry followed him there with some medicine that she applied to his tooth. It was while in his room that Mrs. Perry claimed that she was pregnant."

Affidavits of every conceivable nature are before the governor. He had been examining them when the case was brought to the Constitution went into his office yesterday. One side of his desk they were piled up to the ceiling.

The attorneys for the defense were disappointed in the case yesterday. They believed that the case would be given to the jury. Mr. Hoke Smith appeared before him as did Attorney Braswell, of Decatur. Both men made their reading of their strongest affidavits.

TO TELL FLANAGAN'S FATE.

DECISION TO COME IN HIS CASE TOMORROW.

Judge Candler Will Hear the Application for a New Trial at Decatur.

Tomorrow Judge Candler will decide whether or not the grounds recently presented by the attorneys of Flanagan are sufficient to give him a new trial.

They are very numerous and it is taking considerable time to go through them. Judge Candler has been busy holding the DeKalb county court and has not had the time to look into the reasons made by the new trial should be given.

The points on which the issue hinges are the affidavits that have been brought in by the defense. They are very numerous and it is taking considerable time to go through them. Judge Candler has been busy holding the DeKalb county court and has not had the time to look into the reasons made by the new trial should be given.

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## BANKSTON AND BIKE RAN DOWN A GIRL

Great Chase Witnessed on Decatur Street Yesterday.

SHE WAS A SPEEDY SPRINTER  
Gave the Officer a Neck and Neck Race.

HUNDREDS JOINED IN THE CHASE

The Girl Distanced Them All, but the Bicycle Cop Came Out at Last Ahead.

Florence Bell, an escaped convict, led Mounted Officer Bankston a wild chase on Decatur street yesterday afternoon.

For five minutes this officer mounted on his wheel made great spurts up and down the middle of the street.

Finally, he came upon the little brown-skinned negro who was just getting her second wind and ready for another mile run. She is now bewailing her fate at the police station. "I ask to run the life out of that man," she said as the iron door closed on her. "Just a minute more and I'd had you on a rail."

About three weeks ago notice was received that Florence Bell had escaped from the city stockade. She had been sent up for a felony indictment for a thirty day limit. This negro is one of the meanest of her race. She rules lower Decatur street where she is called the "Boss."

Whenever Florence Bell comes down Decatur street she is followed by a mob of men who take off their hats and the women give her the entire street. "She's a bad nigger," is the only excuse they give for their defiance to the "Boss."

Whenever this negro is not in the stockade she is out on the streets trying to get a man. She has also been a guest of the state gauging on several occasions.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock one of the enemies of Florence called Officer Bankston from the barracks and told him that the escaped convict was on Decatur street that trouble was rising.

Mounting his wheel the officer rode to where the negro had been last seen. Just as he crossed Butler street the woman saw him.

Down the middle of Butler street the chase began. Bankston at a fast ride, but he was unable to gain on the little woman in front. At the corner of Edgewood avenue the officer was gaining fast. They turned into Edgewood avenue and the negro gathered her skirts into her arms and down this street they flew.

Fully a hundred negroes had joined in the chase by this time. Women, men and children were in the rear of the officer, yelling like Indians.

The woman turned into Bell street and started back toward Decatur street. This was a good road. Up to this time he had been riding rough ground and it was impossible to let him know where he was.

The negro ran running well, but Bankston soon shortened the distance. He caught her just as she was about to turn back to Decatur street.

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